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JERSEY SKEETERS BEATEN TO FRAZZLE

British Headquarters in Mesopotamia, Aug. 2.—Flies, heat and dust, the three principal plagues of Mesopotamia, are what have stopped the fighting for the past several months in this theatre of the great war.

Flies are so thick that soldiers say it is impossible to keep them out of their food. A squadron of cavalry coming down a road looked as if they were wearing chain armor. When they came close enough it was found that what looked like mail was the sticky blue metallic mesh of flies.

At night the flies disappear and the mosquitoes and sand-flies relieve them. Many species bite or sting.

The thermometer runs up to 130 degrees in a tent. All the men wear a sun-goggles over their helmet and a spine pad, for a person can get sunstroke here through the small of the back.

The persistent hot wind is better than complete stillness, though, it stings sand and dust in the faces of the men, who eat sand, breathe sand,

lie in sand, have sand in their ears, eyes and clothes.

There are different kinds of heat—the moist and tropical heat of the swamps of the Euphrates and the Shat-al-Arab, the parched and desert heat of the Tigris and the Karun. Each variety has its attendant insects and peculiar ailments, which often take the form of boils and eruptions. Disease has incapacitated more troops than bullets.

BAND CONCERT PROGRAM.

Program by Connecticut Coast Artillery band, Yellow Mill Park, Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, Aug. 3:

March, "The Klitties," Morris.

Overture, "The Bohemian Girl," Baile.

Excerpts from "Woodland," Victor Herbert.

Waltz, "Castellano," Frantzen.

Grand Selection, "Maritana," Wallace.

Song Review, "Broadway Gems," Clark.

"Star Spangled Banner," Paul G. Goulding, director.

HUNT ORANG-OUTANG CAPTURE TWO; LOSE FOUR HUMAN LIVES

Surabaya, Java, Aug. 2.—The latest orang-outang hunt in Borneo has resulted in the killing of four hunters, the serious injury of two others, and the capture of two orang-outangs for European zoos. The animals have been sent to Singapore for shipment.

The hunters, headed by Charles Mayer, an expert in wild animals who recently arrived in Borneo on a collecting expedition for European zoos, set out for the Landak River region to capture two orang-outangs which made the adjacent country unsafe for travelers.

Natives were engaged to fell the trees within a radius of about a quarter of a mile of the tree in which the giant apes had their abode with the exception of those immediately surrounding it, which were only partly cut.

Mayer then began cautiously to approach the apes' tree, and after sighting the animals, which were of immense size, he gave his men a prearranged signal, and with a terrific crash the partly lopped trees fell to the ground.

A fire of branches was then lit underneath the apes' tree, and when the smoke had driven the animals to seek refuge in the topmost limbs some of the natives began felling the trees, while others held in readiness two large nets in which to catch the apes. The tree swayed and fell, and uttering savage cries, the two animals, their long arms tightly clasping one another's bodies, came to the ground, and the nets were thrown over them.

The male orang, contriving to release one of his arms, clutched Mayer by the leg and dragged him towards the net. Mayer defended himself with an axe, but his leg was broken before his men could come to his assistance, and divert the attack by belaboring the ape with the axe.

The animal then released his hold on Mayer, and seized one of the natives, who was killed before anyone could come to his assistance. A second native also fell a victim to the fury of the animal, and while efforts were being made to release him the female orang released her arms from the net, and killed two men and crippled a third.

Mayer was carried away unconscious, and after having been attended by a native medicine man was brought to Rynbang in Dutch North Borneo. His condition is serious.

Four days later his native servants arrived, bringing with them the two captured orang-outangs which have since been despatched for shipment to Europe.

PLAN TO STANDARDIZE EXPORTED CHINA TEA

Shanghai, Aug. 2.—Chinese tea merchants in Shanghai are planning the organization of a tea association at that port, whose purpose shall be to standardize and improve the grades of tea exported to foreign countries. This organization will be based on suggestions made by Chen Gih, superintendent of the Chinese department in the Panama Exposition. Chen Gih has advised tea merchants that under proper organization, Chinese tea can regain the position it held in the American market before it was displaced by India and Ceylon tea.

GERMANS LIKE SHAKESPEARE

Berlin, Aug. 2.—A summary of Shakespearean performances in Germany the past season discloses that all the plays dealing with England's history were unperformed with the exception of Henry IV and Richard III, each of which enjoyed but three performances. The Merchant of Venice led, with 98 performances and Hamlet was not behind, with 97. In all, 675 performances of Shakespearean plays were given by 94 theatres.

W. T. HEWITT DEAD.

London, Aug. 2.—W. T. Hewitt, for 30 years one of the best shorthand writers in Parliament is dead. In 1893 he went to Canada as private secretary to Lord Aberdeen and there received from the Canadian University of Lenoxxville the honorary degree of D. C. L. in recognition of his writing for boys and young men.

BATTLE ON SOMME COST ENEMY 350,000 MEN, SAYS STATEMENT FROM BERLIN

Official Estimate of British and French Losses Place Figures Three Times Estimate of Allies—Germans' Casualties Claimed to Be Small.

Berlin, Aug. 2.—Germany's official estimate of the total losses of the British and French in the first month of the Battle of the Somme, just ended, is placed, "according to a very cautious valuation," at 350,000 officers and men.

The German losses, the official report declares, "cannot be compared to this figure." The report also declares that what progress the allies have made has been so slow that there has been ample time to construct new lines, as strong as those taken, in the rear, so that the allies are as far as ever from breaking through.

Allied Forces Repulsed

In the last 24 hours of the battle, the regular daily official bulletin today announced, the British, who had gained some ground west of Fourreaux Wood (northeast of Bazentin-le-Petit), were driven back again, while the French were repulsed completely in a furious attack west of Maurepas, and also north of the Somme. The day's fighting is characterized as "extremely fierce."

The official report, giving the German estimate of the allies' losses, says:

"A month has elapsed since the great Anglo-French thrust, during which, according to the enemy's previous announcement, a decision had to be obtained under all circumstances by the enemy."

"On a 28-kilometre (17-mile) front, the enemy advanced four kilometres (two and a half miles) on the average, but, after his experiences of July 20, 22, and 26, he will not affirm that the German line has even been shaken at any place."

British "Success" Costly.

"This 'success' cost the British at least 280,000 men, according to a very cautious valuation. For the French losses there are no accurate basis of calculation, but since the French had to do the largest part of the job, even taking into consideration their superior fighting skill, the total enemy losses will reach 350,000. The German losses cannot be compared to these figures."

(Reports from British headquarters in France, both official and unofficial, have invariably admitted, although always in general terms, that the British losses in the Somme campaign have been very heavy. However, an official British casualty list for July—thus coinciding exactly with the period of the German estimate—was issued in London Monday night. This casualty list was not confined to the Somme battle, but covered all fronts on which British troops are engaged. It listed 7,084 officers and 52,591 men, a total of 59,675 casualties for the month of July. German claims of 230,000 for this front alone. As regards the French losses on the Somme, no definite figures have ever been given, but all reports agree that they were surprisingly light and much less than the British.)

As a result of the slow progress made by the offensive, we have had time to construct new fortifications behind our actual lines, identical with those lost. In order to illustrate the facts mentioned in the foregoing, it is stated that, in the first month of the fighting at Verdun, we gained double the amount of territory, while the German casualties were no larger than we could afford."

"Extremely Fierce Fighting"

The daily official bulletin on the western front says:

"North of the Somme, extremely fierce fighting took place in limited areas, the engagements being the after-effects of the great attack of Sunday. British forces which had penetrated on a narrow front west of Fourreaux Wood (about a mile north-east of Bazentin-le-Petit) were driven out again."

"An enemy attack near Maurepas, carried out in eight waves, was completely repulsed. Due north of the Somme, French troops advancing in the evening were completely driven back, after a bitter fight near Monacu Farm."

The report mentions artillery activity south of the Somme and at Verdun, where French hand grenade parties are reported repulsed early yesterday. North of Flirey, in Lorraine, it is announced, a German mine blew up a French position over a 200-yard front.

Among other minor activities it is reported that three more allied aeroplanes have been brought down.

LUXURIOUS TRAVEL.

Among the other ways in which the American people spend money freely nowadays is the common use of the "parlor" or "chair" cars in traveling. Where formerly a train might have demand only for one such car, now it is not an uncommon sight on largely traveled routes for whole trains to be made up of these cars.

There is a freedom of motion on the parlor car that saves many weary bones. You don't have to sit cooped up in a narrow space unable to move without elbowing your seat mate. The smaller number of people in the car makes the ventilation far better. The reason why one is tired after a railroad trip is more often lack of good air than any other cause.

Still a great many of the American people are necessarily economizers. The downy plush and yielding cushions of the parlor car are not for them. They see more of all kinds of life in the democratic day coach. Also no dusky interloper comes around with his brush broom, asking tips for services one would rather perform for himself.

BUYS STEAM YACHT.

Essex, Conn., Aug. 2.—John W. Hubbard, of Pittsburgh, has traded the steam yacht Naushon for a much larger steam yacht, the Colonia, and Capt. Frank H. Torrey and crew will transfer to the new boat from the Naushon today.

Money for History Of City to Be Used In Health Campaign

That \$2,500 originally appropriated to pay for the writing of a history of Bridgeport which was to be circulated in all mercantile agencies, American consulates, etc., will be placed for a more useful purpose. When the board of apportionment holds its special meeting tomorrow, the account will be transferred to the health department to meet part of the expenses for the crusade of stamping out infantile paralysis.

Col. Pease, head of the Pease Publishing Co., who was to have published the book, died suddenly while attending a G. A. R. encampment in Albany, N. Y. Prior to his death, however, he had been given to understand that because of opposition of the taxpayers to this unwarranted expenditure of public money, the book must be compiled and printed and must be satisfactory to the common council before any of the money for its cost would be available.

The board of health needs ready money to meet obligations contracted

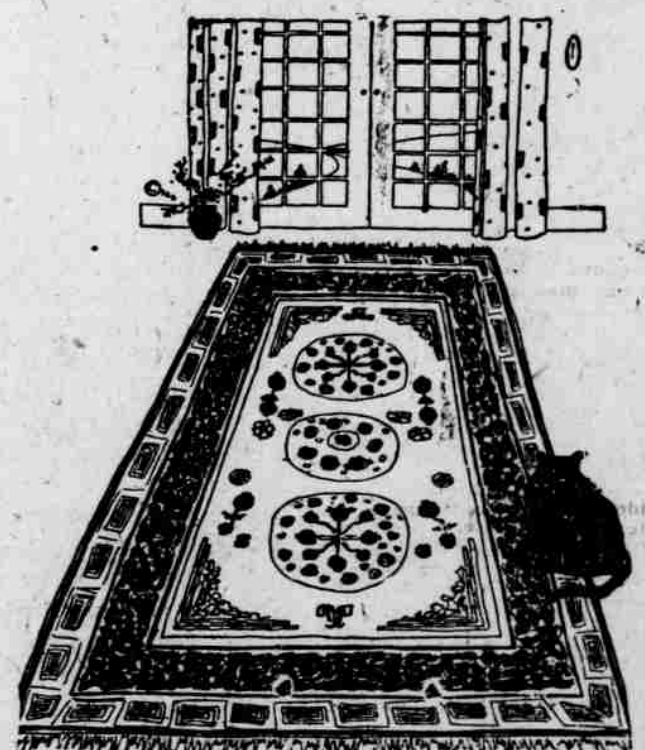
in connection with the health crusade and this will meet in part the emergency that has arisen. The board has additional inspectors and nurses and stenographers in service at present and Dr. Sophian, the New York expert, will receive \$5,000.

In all more than \$30,000 will be required to transfer the expenses of this campaign. Mayor Wilson, at the meeting of the common council, Monday, will ask the authority to borrow this amount on short term notes to meet the emergency. For the present the board of apportionment will be asked to transfer, besides the \$2,500 history account, \$2,000 that has been appropriated for the compilation of the new charter and \$1,000 appropriated for the printing of the charter, to the emergency fund.

SEEK TO SAVE BANDITS.

Laredo, Texas, Aug. 2.—Motion for new hearing for Mexicans convicted of murder in connection with the bandit raid at San Ignacio, Texas, June 15, in which an American soldier was killed, having been the expenses of this campaign. Mayor Wilson, at the meeting of the common council, Monday, will ask the authority to borrow this amount on short term notes to meet the emergency. For the present the board of apportionment will be asked to transfer, besides the \$2,500 history account, \$2,000 that has been appropriated for the compilation of the new charter and \$1,000 appropriated for the printing of the charter, to the emergency fund.

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9x12 Axminster Rug	\$30.00	Sale Price	\$24.00
9x12 Axminster Rug	\$25.00	Sale Price	\$20.00
9x12 Axminster Rug	\$28.75	Sale Price	\$25.00
9x12 Axminster Rug	\$27.50	Sale Price	\$24.75
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